

REMARKS

Review and reconsideration of the application in view of Applicants' amendments and remarks are respectfully requested. Applicants herein amend Claims 2, 5, 9, 11, 13, 15, 18-21, 23, 26, 28, 29, 31, 32, 34, and 37 and such amendments are supported in the specification. Claims 1, 35, 36, 41 and 42 have been withdrawn. Claims 2-34 and 37-40 are presently pending.

Claims 35 and 36 have been rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Said claims are rendered indefinite because it is unclear if the molecular weight recited in the claims is the number average molecular weight, weight average molecular weight, viscosity average molecular weight, etc. This rejection has been rendered moot as Claims 35 and 36 have been withdrawn.

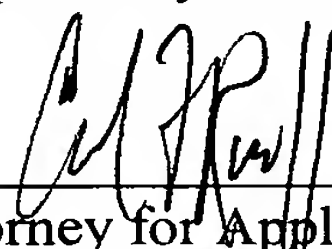
Claims 1-38, and 40-42 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Meguriya (US 6,261,214) in view of Davis et al. (US Patent 6,225,409). Applicants have amended Claims 2, 5, 9, 11, 13, 15, 18-21, 23, 26, 28, 29, 31, 32, 34, and 37 to depend on Claim 39 which has been previously allowed. Since all the remaining claims in the application depend directly or indirectly on allowed Claim 39 it is submitted that all the remaining pending claims are allowable.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants submit all of Claims 2-

34 and 37-40 are in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require anything further, or have any questions, the Examiner is asked to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,



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